

**Hampshire Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
September 2018**

Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust update

Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust (PHT) is providing updates to the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee on the following issues of interest:

1. Transfer of Elective Spinal Service from Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust

- Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee members discussed the proposed transfer of the Elective Spinal Service from Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust to University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust at their previous meeting held on 10 July. Members agreed that the proposal does not constitute a substantial service change. This paper provides an update on engagement carried out with local people regarding the service transfer.

Transfer of Elective Spinal Service from Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust

As members are aware, the proposal to transfer the Elective Spinal Service from Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust (PHT) to University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS) was discussed at the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee meeting held on 10 July. The Committee agreed that the proposed change does not constitute a substantial service change.

Healthcare professionals used national best practice guidance and worked together to determine the safest way to provide this service going forward. Committee members have discussed the conclusion that best patient outcomes would be achieved if the Elective Spinal Service relocates to the Wessex Regional Spinal Unit at UHS, which already carries out complex spinal surgical work as well as paediatrics and trauma surgery. The service is expected to transfer on 31 October 2018.

Committee members requested an additional update on engagement carried out with local people. This has been achieved in partnership with Fareham and Gosport, South East Hampshire and Portsmouth Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

Following discussions with a number of local groups about the relocation of this service people have told us that:

1. They support the service moving and understand that this needs to be done to ensure safer care and treatment
2. They would prefer outpatient clinics to be provided closer to home
3. They are concerned about the travel time, including car parking, of going to Southampton General Hospital
4. There needs to be a very clear pathway which includes a key point of contact for each patient and details of who is responsible for rehabilitation or social care support

PHT has also worked with the CCGs and Healthwatch to create a patient information document for new patients. This document, entitled “Changes to spinal surgery in southern Hampshire,” seeks to inform patients, their family and carers and answers a broad range of questions. The document is being shared with patients and the public.

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